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Bachelor in **GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING**



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overview

The Bachelor of Geography and Planning degree is awarded by Sorbonne University in Paris and delivered by world-class academics in Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. It is an exclusive three-year programme and combines a solid foundation in physical, human and regional geography with further opportunities in other social and natural sciences.

This programme was created to provide the requisite scientific knowledge, concepts and methodologies for students to fully understand all aspects of the modern world, establish links between academic knowledge and the needs of sustainable development, locally and globally.

The curriculum focuses on professional work experience by offering numerous opportunities for internships locally and abroad in the fields of urbanism, sustainable development, risk management and territorial expertise.

The first two years are devoted to earth environment (relief, hydrography and climate) and

society spaces (from culture to economy). During the third year, students strengthen their skills with case studies (Asia, Middle East and Europe) and thematic courses (risks, logistics and transport, humanitarian and urbanism).

Students learn how to use and leverage professional cartography and data management tools: remote sensing, statistical data processing, geographical information system. A computing lab and individual tutoring sessions are available to students.

By the end of the programme, students will be able to understand major territorial stakes such as the environmental impacts of

societies, urbanism, sustainable development, social inequalities, economic and tourism development and heritage protection.

The programme faculty are all internationally renowned professors whose teaching methodology goes beyond the traditional forms of teaching to ensure a balanced and well-rounded learning experience.

The curriculum follows the European ECTS system and the degree is awarded by Sorbonne University in Paris.

programme

Year 1

Semester

1

UNIT	COURSE NAME
Introduction to Geographic Analysis	Big Questions in Geography Geographic Documents Analysis
Environmental Dynamics	How the Earth System Works Coastal Environments
Territories and Societies	Distribution and Dynamics of Populations Space, Societies, and Culture
Elective Courses	2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required)

Year 1

Semester

2

UNIT	COURSE NAME
Processes of the Earth System	Earth Climate Distribution and Evolution Landforms and Landscapes
Development of Territories and Globalization	Economy and Development: From Global to Local Challenges of Urban Development
Methods and Tools	Introduction to Digital Mapping Practice of Geography
Elective Courses	2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required)



Year 2

Semester

3

UNIT	COURSE NAME
Environment and Resource Management	Landforms Dynamic and Evolution Water Resource Distribution and Management Agriculture and Food Resources
Political Power and Territorial Management	Spaces and Stakes of Power Urban Planning
Professional Skills (1)	Computer-Aided Drawing/Computer-Assisted Design Geographical Data Statistical Analysis
Elective Courses	2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required)

Year 2

Semester

4

UNIT	COURSE NAME
Environmental Sustainability	Environmental Transition Challenges Climate Change: Impacts and Adaptation
Territories, Mobility, and Tourism	Multiscale Mobility Analysis Tourism, Recreation, and Territories
Geopolitics	Geopolitics and Geostrategy of the World
Professional Skills (2)	Geographic Information System (Level 1) Remote Sensing
Elective Courses	2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required)

Year 3

Semester

5

UNIT	COURSE NAME
Analysis and Management of Environmental Dynamics	Long-Term Environmental Changes Geographic Documents Analysis Risks and Societies
Urban Planning and Transport	Urban Planning and Projects Transport Networks and Mobility
Muslim Culture and Territories	Muslim World
Professional Skills (3)	Multivariate Statistical Analysis Supervised project
Elective Courses	2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required)

Year 3

Semester

6

UNIT	COURSE NAME
Urban Biodiversity	From the Biosphere to the Urban Ecosystem
Territories, Culture, and Heritage	Regional Cultural and Social analysis Territories and Heritage
Development and Global South	Emerging Countries Humanitarian and Development
Professional Skills (4)	GIS (Level 2) Internship travel
Elective Courses	2 or 3 courses (including Language + French as Foreign Language if required)



Career prospects

The Bachelor in Geography and Planning helps students launch successful careers in various fields. A geographer's skills of building, analysing and communicating an expertise on a territory is sought after in various professional sectors.

In the main, employment opportunities exist in Planning, Management, Architectural Firms, Environment Management Agencies, Geopolitics, Tourism and International Relations And Transport And Logistics. Some of our graduates enjoy rewarding careers locally and abroad in public institutions including ADEK, the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment and the Department of Culture and Tourism or Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities.

This degree provides graduates with several options to pursue further academic studies at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi and other overseas institutions.





Admission requirements

To be eligible for this Bachelor's degree, students must have the following:

- French baccalaureate: minimum average of 12 out of 20.
- Ministry of Education curriculum:
General stream/Art stream: minimum average of 80%.
Advanced stream/Elite stream/Science stream: minimum average of 75%.
- Other high school systems: high school certificate equivalent to the UAE Ministry of Education high school with minimum average of 80% or equivalent
- French Aptitude Certificate: minimum score of B2 level (DELFI or DALF, SELFEE, TCF with a validity of 2 years, TEF with a validity of 2 years) or completion of SUAD university diploma DU in French language for non-French speakers. Students with a French Baccalaureate are exempted from the language proficiency exam.

Students not meeting the required French Aptitude Certificate will be admitted conditionally in the programme, and enrolled in the foundation year in intensive French providing they meet the above criteria: Upon its successful completion, they will be admitted into the bachelor degree programme.

Other Countries Education's Systems
Conditions apply on other foreign curriculums according to the admission's policy set by Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. Please contact the Student Recruitment office by email: admissions@sorbonne.ae for more details.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is committed to considering applications from all students regardless of their country of origin, income, gender, religion or physical condition.

Tuition Fees

(Including admin. fees - over 3 years)

AED 215,100 (approximately US\$ 58,615)

Scholarship options*:

- Emirati citizens receive the H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan scholarship grant covering tuition fees for the programme and a foundation year (if any).
- For non-Emirati students, academic excellence scholarships are offered, covering up to 75% of the tuition fee.

Visit our website for more information.

*Conditions apply

Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi ?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation (www.caa.ae).



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